

Amendments to the Specification

Replace present paragraph 0030 with amended paragraph 0030 as follows:

[0030] The circular plates 44-58 are made of a flat planar material, preferably sheet metal. Similarly the shutter blades 34-40 are also made of a flat planar material, preferably sheet metal. Because of the heat of the light beam, stainless steel sheet metal is the preferred material for the shutter blades 34-40. The same stainless steel material can be used for the circular plates 44-58, or alternatively the circular plates 44-58 may be made of a less expensive steel sheet metal. The thickness of the shutter blades 34-40 does not exceed the thickness of the shutter guide plates 44-50 in order that the shutter blades can slide along the guide slots 64. The cam followers 68 can be press fit into openings 75 (FIG. 7) in the shutter blades 34-40. The cam followers 68 may be PEM® fasteners from PEM Fastening Systems, 5190 Old Easton Road, Danboro, PA 18916, or studs or buttons that are attached in attached in a similar manner to in the openings 75.

Replace present paragraph 0032 with amended paragraph 0032 as follows:

[0032] A preferred material for the sheet 76 is twenty-two gauge sheet steel having a thickness of 0.030 inch. If the shutter blades are made from more heat tolerant stainless steel sheet, their thickness can be the same. As seen in FIG. 4, the shutter guide plates 44-50 are located next nest to one another at the center of the stack 59. This this places all of the four shutter blades 34-40 in a closely spaced array along the light beam axis. The total beam depth of the shutter blades is only 0.120 inch, so that the entire shuttering process is performed at or very close to the light beam focus point 32. This results in a clear, sharply framed, shuttered pattern of the projected light beam 22.